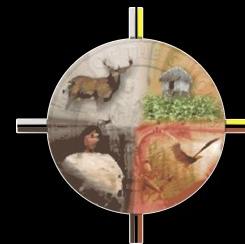




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Native American Medal of Honor Recipients

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WWII

➤ **Ernest Childers** Creek

WWII

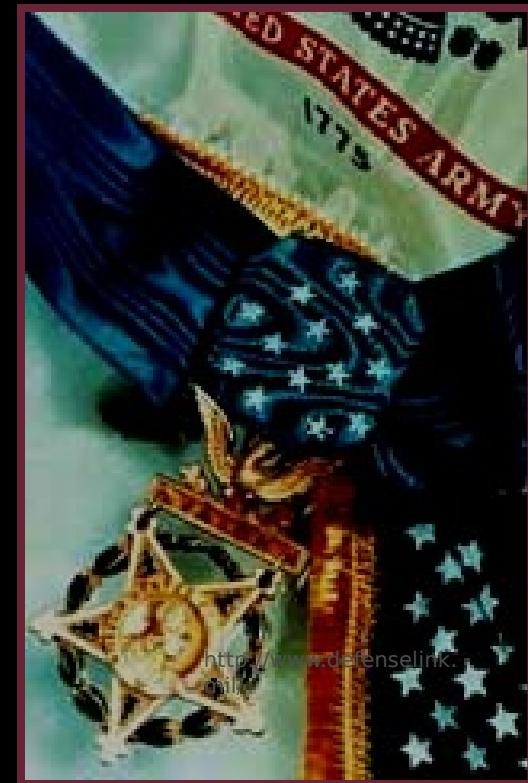
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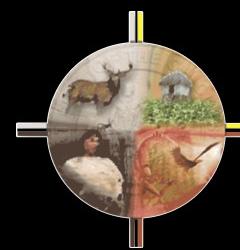
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➤ **Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr.**

Winnebago Korea

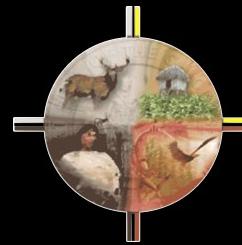
➤ **Charles George** Cherokee





**William Eagle-Hawk, Sioux,
42nd Division, 1919.**

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**CPL George Miner,
Winnebago
12th Infantry
Niederahrn, Germany,
1919.**

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**L to R: Corporal Jim
Lane, John Rope, and
Kassey Y-32. Ft.
Huachuca, Arizona,
1942.**



Elva (Tapedo) Wale

**Elva (Tapedo) Wale,
Kiowa ,
Women's Army Corps**



**RADM Joseph J. "Jocko" Clark,
Cherokee, the first Native American
to graduate from the
U.S. Naval Academy**

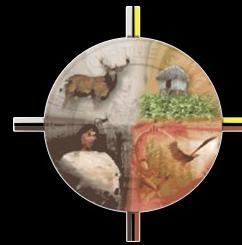


Verna Fender

**Verna Fender,
Korean War
Veteran**



U.S. Navy recruiting poster,



**PFC Carl Gorman,
Navajo, U.S. Marine Corps,
Island of Saipan, 1944**

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Navajos at Amphibious Scout School, Southwest Pacific, 1943

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Navajo code talkers on Bougainville.

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**Joe Vandever Sr., Marine Navajo Code
Talker**



**Petulia Vandever,
DoD Small Business Office
Intern**



Vandever Family Legacy

Photos courtesy of Joe Vandever Sr. and Petulia Vandever



**GEN Douglas MacArthur
with Pima, Pawnee,
Chitimacha, and Navajo
soldiers,
158th Infantry, 1943**

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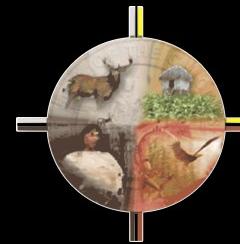
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Apache Scout William Major with an officer of the 25th Infantry

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**Apache Scout Kessay
mounted on the parade
field,
in the early 1940s.**

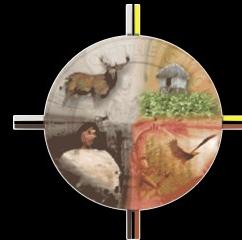
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Night Horse Campbell 1950's

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CPL George Whitewater, Kickapoo, graduating from parachute school, 1943.

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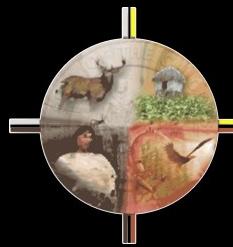
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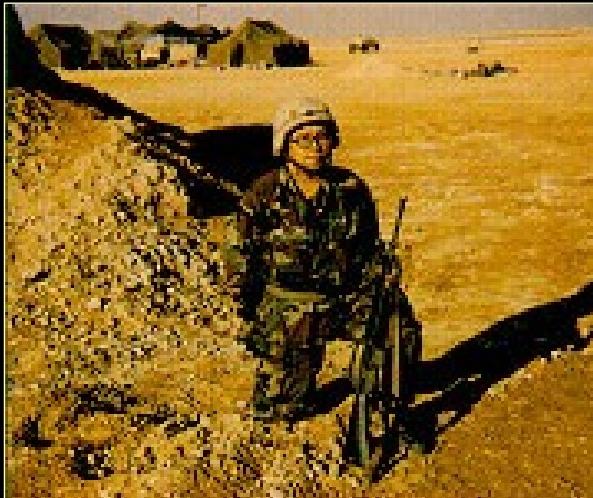
**SGT Marland Tahbonemah,
Kiowa, member and living
symbol of the 2nd Division,
the Indianhead Division,
Kimpo Air Base, Korea, 196**



Pearl Ross



**Pearl Ross, Arikara Tribe
Air Force medical specialist
Korean War.**



**SFC Ursula P. Roach, Hopi,
Operation Desert Storm, 1991**



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